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Sunday Traditional Worship

10:30 am*

*In-Person or Live Stream on website

www.ulctempe.org

Wednesday Contemporary Worship

6:30 pm (In-Person Only)



University Lutheran Church is a Reconciling Works Church. We are a welcoming environment for all of God's people regardless of race, situation, familial status, sexuality, gender, size, shape, gender identity, and place in this world.



Giving Growing Gathering



University Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry Newsletter



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A NOTE FROM INTERIM PASTOR ARHIANA SHEK DILL



“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you (John 20:21NRSV).”

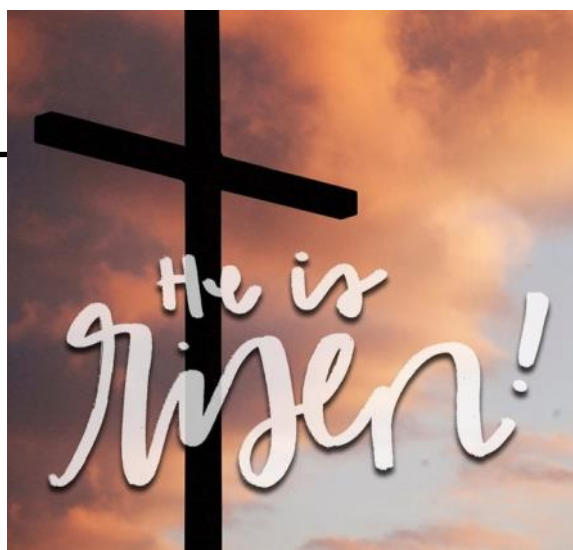
On Easter Sunday, we celebrated that Christ our Lord is alive! For the next seven Sundays we will continue to rejoice in the empty tomb. On their first Easter the disciples did not feel like celebrating. As a fact, they were in a house with the doors locked. Afraid. Then Jesus appears among them. He shares a message of peace, breathes on them the Holy Spirit and sends them out. The disciples were in fear still processing the mystery of the resurrection. Maybe even wondering what comes next?

On Easter some of us gathered and shared a meal with family and friends. Celebrated and rejoiced in God’s miracle. While some of us were not in the mood to celebrate. Perhaps we feel overwhelmed with the state of our country, the state of the world in which we live. Perhaps we are afraid of realities outside of our control. Jesus disrupts our mental cycle and comes to us with these words “Peace be with you (John 20:19).” Jesus’ peace has the power to transform us into a community of open doors, open hearts, and forgiveness. Empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit in you, you are sent to proclaim God’s love, forgiveness and grace to all today, tomorrow and every day.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In Christ’s peace,

Pastor Arhiana



WHAT'S HAPPENING



Mon, April 1		APRIL FOOL'S DAY
Tues, April 2	6:30 pm	ASU Navigators (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Wed, April 3	12:00 pm	CORA (Valley Wesley)
	5:00 pm	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center/Zoom)
	5:30 pm	Free Student Meal (Campus Center/Grab N Go)
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
Thurs, April 4	12:00 pm	Page Turner's Book Club (Campus Center Library)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Sat. April 8	4:00 pm	Missio Dei (Lawn Area)
Sun, April 7	9:15 am	Forum (Campus Center Library/Zoom)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
	11:30 am	Free Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
	11:30 am	Hunger Task Force (Campus Center)
	11:45 am	Free Student Meal (Campus Center Library/Grab N Go)
Tues, April 9	6:30 pm	Council Meeting (Campus Center Library/Zoom)
	6:30 pm	ASU Navigators
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Wed, April 10	5:00 pm	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center/Zoom)
	5:30 pm	Free Student Meal (Campus Center/Grab N Go)
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
Thurs, April 11	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, April 14	9:15 am	Forum (Campus Center Library/Zoom)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
	11:30 am	Free Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
	11:45 am	Free Student Meal (Campus Center Library/Grab N Go)
Mon, April 15		TAXES DUE!
Tues, April 16	6:30 pm	ASU Navigators
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)



Wed, April 17	5:00 pm	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center/Zoom)
	5:30 pm	LCM Dinner Church (Campus Center/Grab N Go)
Thurs, April 18	6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, April 21	9:15 am	Forum (Campus Center Library/Zoom)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
	11:30 am	Free Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
	11:45 am	Free Student Meal (Campus Center Library/Grab N Go)
Tues, April 23	6:30 pm	ASU Navigators
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Wed, April 24	5:00 pm	LCM Bible Study (Campus Center/Zoom)
	5:30 pm	Free Student Meal (Campus Center/Grab N Go)
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
Thurs, April 25	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Sun, April 28	9:15 am	Forum (Campus Center Library/Zoom)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Live Stream)
	11:30 am	Free Coffee & Refreshments (Campus Center)
	11:45 am	Free Student Meal (Campus Center Library/Grab N Go)
Tues, April 30	6:30 pm	ASU Navigators
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)



COUNCIL MEETING FOR APRIL

The ULC Council will meet on Tuesday, April 9th, at 6:30 pm in the Campus Center library or via Zoom.

**APRIL IS A REMINDER
THAT LIFE IS A BEAUTIFUL,
EVER-RENEWING CYCLE.**

— E.E. CUMMINGS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The ULC Women's Bible Study will be Thursday, April 18th, at 6:00 pm via Zoom. If you need the Zoom link, please contact the office:

info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543.



UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY

Have you checked out the library recently? We have several books for you to borrow. If you find one you would like to read, please notify the office (info@ulctempe.org) that you have borrowed it. You can also leave a note on the office desk. Thank you!

Here are just a few that are available:

“You Can't Ask That!” by Christian Piatt—A book of 50 taboo questions about the Bible, Jesus, and Christianity.

“Lived Vocation—Stories of Faith at Work” by Timothy K. Snyder—A collection of stories about everyday work.

“US—The Resurrection of American Terror” by Rev. Kenneth W. Wheeler—An Evangelical Pastor's cry, alarm, and warning.



OFFERING OF LETTERS APRIL 7

The April 7th forum will learn about Bread for the World's Offering of Letters. This year focused on urging Congress to pass the Farm Bill, but we'll have an opportunity to write our representatives, too! Reauthorized every five years, the bill affects not only farmers but also every person in the US who buys and eats food, as well as those facing hunger internationally. An enormous bill, it sets forth our nation's agriculture and nutrition programs. Come to learn more and write!



ULC YOUNG ADULTS

Some of our University Lutheran Church (ULC) Young Adults are planning to attend the upcoming ELCA Young Adult Gathering in New Orleans from July 16-20. The theme for the Gathering is “Created to Be” entered on Psalm 139:14 (I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.)

<https://www.elca.church/gathering>

Due to the expense, Bryan Gamelin (ULC Young Adult Coordinator), Paul Westermann (LCM and ASU graduate student), and other ULC Young Adults worked together to compile a fundraising letter in attempt to raise funds to help cover some of the costs.

If you would like to make a donation for the young adults who will be attending, you may do so on our website--www.ulctempe.org Please scroll to: LCM Individual Gifts and in the “Note” section—put Young Adult Gathering. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

<https://ulctempe.org/breeze-donate-now/>

If you are interested in attending or helping with fundraising, please contact Bryan Gamelin (ULC Young Adult Coordinator) at ulcyoungadult@gmail.com

Interested in joining our Young Adult Group? Please contact the office:

info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543 or ulcyoungadult@gmail.com

Look for Young Adult Events on our website: www.ulctempe.org



Bryan was happy to get approximately 300 letters in the mail! We are hopeful the ULC Young Adults receive a good response!

SUNDAY FORUMS

We continue our Sunday forums each Sunday at 9:15 am in the Campus Center Library or via Zoom. If you need the Zoom link, please contact the office:

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Thank you!

PAGE TURNER'S BOOK CLUB

The Page Turner's Book Club will meet in the campus center library at 12 noon on April 4 to discuss "I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education & Changed the World" Our reading list includes both fiction and nonfiction. We get together on the first Thursday of each month during the ASU academic year and would love to have you visit. Bring your lunch if you like and join us.

We finish this academic year with the following selections:

April 4, 2024: "I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World" by Malala Yousafzai with Patricia McCormick: Malala was born in a beautiful valley in Pakistan to a family whose father was a school leader and who supported education for girls as well as boys. She gave her first speech when she was 11 and with family encouragement continued to be an education activist in spite of the brutal invasion by Taliban rulers. In 2012 while riding home on the school bus, she was shot point-blank. Though not expected to live, Malala recovered and returned to public activity in support of public education, especially for girls. In 2014, at 17, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the youngest ever recipient. ~Ruth Wootten

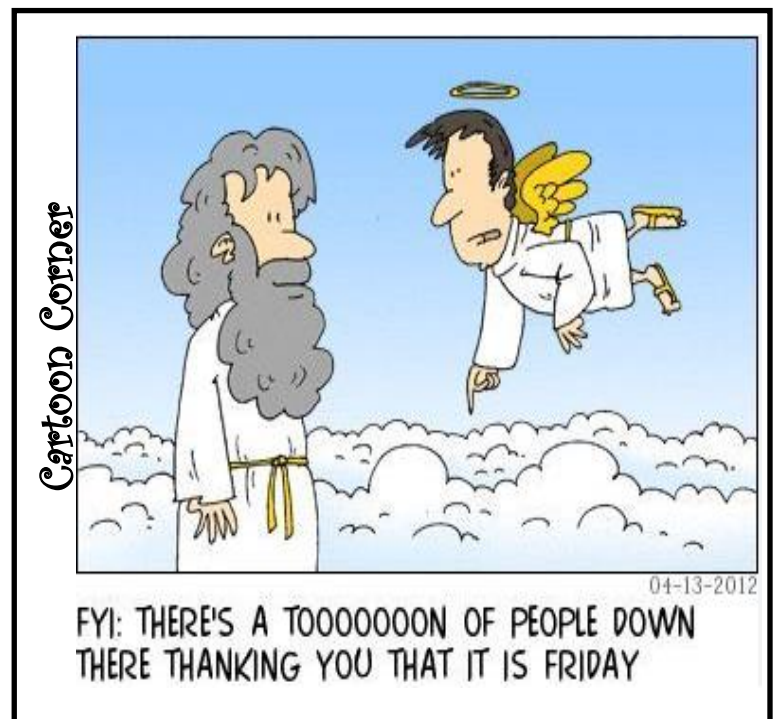
May 2, 2024: "Illegally Yours: A Memoir" by Rafael Agustin (2022): Amazon characterizes this work of nonfiction as "a funny and poignant memoir about how as a teenager, TV writer Rafael Agustin (Jane the Virgin) accidentally discovered he was undocumented. That revelation turned everything he thought he knew about himself and his family upside down." ~Jean Park

The book club will resume in September, 2024. We would love for you to join us!

INTERIM PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

If you would like to meet with Pastor Arhiana, she will have office hours on Tuesdays from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm or by appointment. If you would like an appointment with Pastor Arhiana, please contact the office (480-967-3543 or info@ulctempe.org)

Please note: the office is open Tuesdays-Fridays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for all other purposes. Thank you!





Bethany Ristau

April 11

Autumn Byars

April 25

Happy Birthday!

Please let us know if we missed a birthday or an anniversary so we can update our system!

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LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Have YOU thought about joining God's mission through University Lutheran and Campus Ministry?

For questions about church membership, please contact Interim Pastor Arhiana or the church office at info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543. You can also complete the new member form and return it to the office. Thank you!



Newsletter Note

To meet mailing deadlines, our newsletter is printed the middle of the prior month and some things may have changed since. Please refer to our website (www.ulctempe.org) and/or our weekly e-newsletter for the most current events and news. If you would like to receive our weekly e-newsletter, please contact the office: info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543. Thank you!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Mindy and Ray Kimball to University Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry. Mindy and Ray have been worshipping here for awhile and have now become official members. The Kimballs are active in choir, participating in worship as lector and vocal lead, and helping with LCM dinners.



ASU PITCHFORK PANTRY

The ASU Pitchfork Pantry is a student/volunteer-led nonprofit under ASU Foundation whose goal is to raise awareness of financial and food insecurities among the Sun Devil Community. The pantry provides fresh and non-perishable food items as well as hygiene and clothing items to ASU students.

We have recently donated over 250 items to the Pitchfork Pantry. A special thank you to Autumn Byars, Jacob Hilliker, Chris Sandoval, and Paul Westermann (Lutheran Campus Ministry–LCM–students) for delivering these items. We continue to collect shelf-stable foods. You can drop off your donation(s) in the church office or in the sanctuary.

ASU Pitchfork Pantry is always looking for volunteers to help with its Monday and Saturday distributions. They distribute Mondays from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Sign up today on its website:

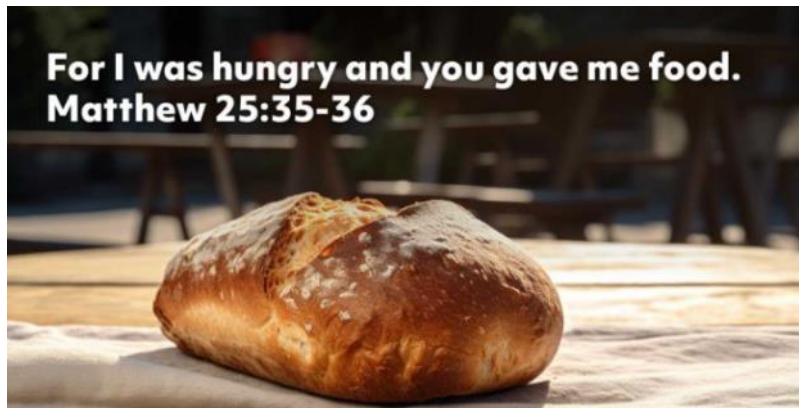
www.pitchforkpantry.org



ULC HUNGER TASK FORCE



Our Hunger Task Force meets the first Sunday of each month following the worship service. The next meeting is April 7th. If you would like to join the task force, please attend the meeting or contact the office (info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543). Thank you!

**For I was hungry and you gave me food.
Matthew 25:35-36**

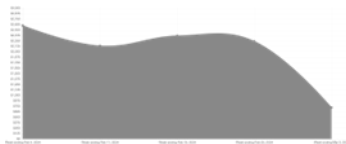




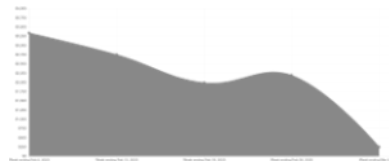
God's Work ~ Our Hands

Giving  Growing  Gathering

Thank you for your on-going generosity to University Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry. Our February 2024 offering was very similar to February 2023 offering:



February 2024 Offering:
\$10,060



February 2023 Offering:
\$10,517

Please note: this is from offering fund only and does not include all sources of income. March offering was not available at the time of printing the newsletter.

Our Young Adults have also received over \$3,000 for their retreat in New Orleans this July. The Young Adult group is still raising funds for this retreat. Please refer to the article on page 6 for complete details.



If you are interested in joining the Finance and Stewardship Committee, please contact the office. If you have a suggestion for the committee—please let us know. Thank you to our current committee members: Savannah Bradley, MaryBeth LaMont (chairperson), Katherine Stevens, and Beth Wooten.

Thank you for your generosity!

"True giving from the heart is an expression of love." ~ Cara Stein



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

LCM meets every Wednesday at 5:00 for Bible Study, 5:30 for free student meal (both in our Campus Center. Grab N Go option available for dinner), and 6:30 for contemporary worship in our sanctuary.

Come for any or all of it!

We will finish up the academic year with the theme of: “Bread, Bread, and More Bread!” with the following scripture readings:

- April 3: Exodus 16:11-20
- April 10: Matthew 6:11
- April 17: Matthew 26:26-29
- April 24: John 6:33-35
- May 1: John 21:9-13
- May 8: Luke 22:14-20

We always are needing people to sign up for meals—if you’re interested, please contact the office: info@ulctempe.org or 480-967-3543. Gift cards to Safeway and/or Fry’s are also appreciated. Thank you!

BINGO!

The LCM students and ULC Young Adults teamed up for a night of Bingo! Fun was had by all. Thank you to Terry Anderson and Lori Zurcher for the use of the Bingo machine.



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